









## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE MONETARY CONFERENCE.

London, 10th December, 1892.  
The International Monetary Conference is about to discuss the question of a general bimetallic scheme.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Melbourne*, with the *Passenger* *Manila* of November 11, left Saigon on Monday, December 12, at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, Dec. 15. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Oct. 5.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamship *City of Peking*, with mails &c., left San Francisco at this port, via Yokohama on Nov. 28.

The *Shire Lido* s.s. *Pembroke* left Singapore on Dec. 6, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 13.

The *A. & W. Whigham*, from Calcutta and Saigon for this port, left Singapore on Dec. 6, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 13.

The Spanish corvette *Reina Christina* arrived here yesterday from Manila.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Thibet* left Bombay for this port on Dec. 9.

The D. D. R. s.s. *Aglaia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port to-day, and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

During the week ending 11th November, 1892, 177 Europeans, and 1,731 Chinese visited the City Hall Museum.

Sr. Joseph's Roman Catholic Chapel has been licensed for the celebration of marriages.

For last month the stamp revenue of the colony was \$13,205, as against \$13,460 for the corresponding month in 1891.

H. M. deppach vessel *Alcidity*, with Admiral Fremont on board, arrived here yesterday from Tokyo.

Among the passengers by the German mail steamer *Nürnberg*, from Yokohama, are H. E. Nakajima, Minister for Japan at Rome, and family.

The Agent of the M. M. Co. informs us that the steamer *Melbourne*, with the next French mail, left Saigon this morning, at 6 o'clock, for this port.

A TELEGRAM in a Canton native paper says that an imperial edict has been issued stating that the present Heppa will retain his office for another year.

A COUPLE, who was convicted before Mr. Wodehouse at the Magistrate to-day of having snatched a pair of earrings from a bestman's care, were ordered to receive twelve strokes with a rattan.

RECRUITMENTS issued by the Harbour Master for keeping the course clear on the Regatta days are published in the Government Gazette. We trust there will be an abatement of the steam-launch nuisance on this occasion.

In our Saturday's issue it was stated that four likely-looking ponies of the new consignment would carry Mr. Heinrich's colours. It should have been stated that a "useful looking black recently arrived will carry the colours of Mr. Heinrich."

TO-DAY at the Magistrate's Court, Nelson, seaman, s.s. *Ocampo*, was charged with uttering a counterfeit dollar in payment of a package of tobacco purchased from a money-changer in Queen's Road Central. He stated that the dollar had been given him in change, and that he did not know it was bad. Captain Hastings, after hearing the evidence for the prosecution, sentenced Nelson to six weeks' imprisonment.

We have received a series of artistically designed calendars for 1893 from Messrs. G. W. & Co. We have also received from Messrs. Schellbach & Co. a calendar issued by Messrs. Watson & Co., Dundee, which serves as an advertisement of the latter firm's Glenlivet whisky. Messrs. Douglas Laprak & Co. have sent us one of the very neatly lithographed calendars issued by the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company.

TO-DAY at the Magistrate's Court, seven men were charged before Capt. Hastings with stealing coals from the Canadian Pacific steamer *Empress of Japan*. They pleaded not guilty, and one man was defended by Mr. J. G. G. (Mr. C. D. Wilkinson's office). The evidence showed that some of the men were in a fishing boat lying alongside the steamer while the remainder were lowering the coals from the steamer to the boat. Captain Hastings convicted the whole of the accused. One man was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, four to six weeks' imprisonment and two to one day's imprisonment.

In connection with the very important subject of leprosy in Japan, the Nagasaki Express learns that Dr. Kishida, in his recent journey, through Kishida and Lochoo, discovered that leprosy increases with every degree of latitude proceeding South. Consequently it is more common at Kagoshima than at Kinkamo; at Lochoo it becomes still more prevalent, and reaches its apex at the remotest island of the archipelago, — Yavayusa-shima, — which, with a population of 16,000, has over 800 leprosy patients. At Napa (Lochoo) they formerly occupied a village, but since the annexation of the island to Japan, they have been segregated, like Japanese leprosy, and consequently living in seclusion, are not easily seen — only manifesting themselves with white robes to certain temples, where they rely upon the charity of the benevolent for a subsistence.

MANY residents of Hongkong and Shanghai must have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. John Moffat, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which sad event took place at Vancouver on Friday last. Mr. Moffat left Shanghai for Home via Canada a few weeks since; but although he was rather out of sorts and needed a change, no one dreamt that he had left China for the last time. By his death the Bank has lost a promising officer—he had reached the rank of sub-manager in Shanghai during his all-too-short career—the staff have suffered the loss of a much-loved colleague, and his many friends here and in Shanghai have to mourn the death of a warm-hearted friend and the removal of one more familiar face from the circles of the East. Mr. Moffat was only thirty-two years of age when he died; but his memory will be long cherished by those who knew him.

It could not be said that the weather on Saturday night was such as to be likely to entice many people to pay a visit to West Point. It is, therefore, all the stronger testimony of the excellence of the entertainment provided by Harman's Circus when it is successful in drawing together such a large attendance as that of Saturday. The performance is indeed first-class. Whether it be the bareback riding of Mlle. Le Blonde and Mr. George Harman, the dashing riding of Gilbart and the character sketch of Master Frank Harman, or the clever antics of the Teedy Family, there is sufficient talent displayed to enable the visitor to spend two or three hours comfortably and enjoyably, and with a complete change of programme for this week the Circus ought to continue a favourite place of amusement with the community of Hongkong.

The following Volunteer orders are issued for the present week—Monday, 5.30 p.m., at Head Quarters. Sward Exercise—All hands. Recruit Drill. Signalling Class. All Members should attend this parade so that 3 detachments of 64 pounders Drill may be formed under their respective Nos. Murray Battery will be fitted with Electric Light about the 17th instant, from which date Drill will take place there until January 31st, 1893. It is intended that 64-pounders Competition and the Inspection should take place on Chinese New Year's Day at Stone Quarry Island. Wednesday, 5.30 p.m. at Head Quarters. Efficient:—Marching and Carbine Drill. Recruits:—Recruit Drill. Signalling Class. All attending this parade will wear:—Uniform—Cloth or Serge, Helms (forage caps carried), Side arms &c.—Saturday, Carbene practice at Kowloon, time and place as usual.

We have received the following tea news from Kowloon, under date the 28th ult.:—The Export to Europe is 16,756,500 lbs. against 17,180,500 lbs. at the same date last year. The shipments for the past fortnight have been rather over a million lbs. in the calling steamers *Prian* and *Pinguey*. The market has been very quiet in the interval. Only 4,000 chests have been sold. There has been nothing in the Home offices, which have reported to such amount. Prices are unaltered. The estimate of the total supply of Congon remains unchanged at 355,000 chests for 1893. This leaves about 5,000 chests still to arrive. The arrival of Congon to date are 319,000 against 341,000 chests; the Settlements are 310,000 against 302,000 chests; and the stock of Congon is 3,500 against 29,000 chests at the same date last year. Exchange is 2/6 for 4 months' sight credits, and Freight to London 30/- per ton of forty cubic feet.—N. C. Daily News.

## THE RECENT FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

THIS afternoon Mr. H. E. Wodehouse held an inquiry into the circumstances connected with the recent fire at 331 and 333 Queen's Road West.

Mr. H. J. Gedge (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master's office) appeared for Messrs. Kruse and Co., agents for the Balasore Fire Insurance Co.

Woo Sam Yee, owner of the shop, after describing the building, said—I was away in Canton at the time of the fire. I had my safe locked. It contained about \$100, my insurance policy, and a few unimportant articles. I have seen the safe. It has been opened since I left it. I became master of the shop in the first month of this year.

John W. Kinghorn, engineer to the Fire Brigade, stated—I have examined the safe produced in Court. From its appearance now I would say it had been opened previous to the fire. I say so because of the appearance of the inner edge casing of the door. If it had not been opened before the inner casing would have been clean. It is now dirty and charred. There are no marks of a key. It has the appearance of having been forced open with some sharp instrument which would have left marks. The inner casing of the door has been forced up, and it could only have been done in the way described. The charring of the safe has obliterated the marks that should have been there. If it had been opened after the fire the marks on the inner edge of the casing would have remained. It is a small iron safe of very inferior quality. The person who opened the safe had commenced by forcing open the bottom part of the door, either with a chisel or crow bar. Then the top of the door had been pried up a small space, and afterwards a hole had been cut in the top with a chisel.

Inspector Denney spoke to the finding of the safe after the fire, and stated that the safe had apparently been opened before the fire. He did not have the appearance of having been disturbed since the fire. It could not have been burnt open by the fire.

The master of the shop (recalled) gave details of the money lost in the safe. He had the only key of the safe. (Key produced.)

Adjourned till Monday, 10th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

## HONGKONG CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB.

The third club race of this season was sailed yesterday in a light to moderate N.W. breeze. Occasional rain showers spoiled what would otherwise have been a capital sailing day, and did not improve the new sails of the boats. The event of the day was the debut of the new R.C.E. boat *Payne*, named after her designer Mr. Arthur Payne of Southampton. She did not have much opportunity of trying her weather qualities as it was a fetch all the way round the course except in the short beat from the Channel Rocks to the Rock in Kowloon Bay. In this distance she clocked up two minutes on the *Ladybird*, but we fancy the latter's pilot had a good deal to do with this. The old *Hylah* showed that she still has lots of pace in her, and kept her old position in the fleet, viz., first, all the way out to the Channel Rocks; in fact she seemed to get over this part of the course in less time than any other boat.

The *Dart* was unfortunately jammed to leeward of H.M.S. *Victor* *Ensign* at the start, and was consequently out of the race, having no opportunity of bringing her fine weatherly qualities into play.

Club Race—Course: From a line between the M. Pier and bow of H.M.S. *Victor* *Ensign* round Channel Rocks and Rock in Kowloon Bay, leaving them to port; thence round waterway buoy off Silver's Home and to Mendeil buoy off Silver's Home, leaving them to starboard; thence starting line from W. to E., and thence round Eastern buoy off Kowloon Dock, leaving it to port, and finish from E. to W.—17 miles.

Stayers:—  
1st Class, Champlough:—  
*Dart*, lug, 53rd Regt., 1.5  
*Ladybird*, lug, Whitcomb, 1.5  
*Cym*, lug, Horell, 1.4  
*Payne*, lug, R.E. Men, 1.5

2nd Class:—  
*Hylah*, lug, Harding, 1.4  
*Kitten*, lug, May, 1.4  
*Payne*, lug, Horell, 1.5  
*Charmian*, yawl, Carey, 1.5

Time allowance:—  
1st Class, *Dart*, *Ladybird* and *Payne* allow 1' 15".  
2nd Class, *Hylah* and *Kitten* allow 1' 30".

*Hylah*, as of old, was away first, followed closely by *Ladybird*; the remainder made a somewhat straggling start, *Dart* and *Payne* getting jammed together under the *Victor* and not getting away till eight minutes after the starting gun. *Charmian* was the first to reach the Channel Rocks, *Hylah*, *Ladybird*, *Payne* and *Kitten* being the first round. From there to the Kowloon Bay Rock a few tactics had to be made. *Payne* and *Hylah* worked near the China shore, but *Ladybird* made a long board to windward point which seemed to lead her some distance as *Payne* got round the rock about a minute ahead. The rest of the course was plain sailing and the boats crossed the starting line coming from the Mendeil buoy as follows:—

1st Class:—  
*Payne*, h. m. s.  
*Ladybird*, 2 18 30 ..... 10 marks.  
*Dart*, 2 19 0 ..... 4  
*Charmian*, 2 27 30 ..... 4

The score stands now for the Club Championship:—  
*Dart*, 21 marks.  
*Ladybird*, 12 "  
*Payne*, 10 "  
*Charmian*, 1 "  
*Kitten*, 1 "

2nd Class:—  
*Hylah*, h. m. s.  
*Kitten*, 2 31 45 ..... 10 marks.  
*Payne*, 2 34 00 ..... 4  
*Charmian*, 3 0 0 ..... 1

Score—  
*Payne*, 10  
*Hylah*, 10  
*Charmian*, 5  
*Kitten*, 4

## CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR UNOFFICIAL M.L.C.  
To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Hongkong, Dec. 12.  
Sirs,—In your Saturday's issue "Brownie" touches on the retirement of two of our unofficial M.L.C.s. The temporary absence of the members representing the Chamber of Commerce will be in every respect most unfortunate, for their thorough independence of character and sterling worth are beyond question. I only hope some one may step in with official powers and watch over the interests of the community with the same prudence and success—for he has proved himself little less than a terror where abuses had to be checked. That the member representing the Chamber of Commerce will be in every respect most unfortunate, for their thorough independence of character and sterling worth are beyond question. I only hope some one may step in with official powers and watch over the interests of the community with the same prudence and success—for he has proved himself little less than a terror where abuses had to be checked. 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Empress of Japan | Wednesday | Dec. 29/92  
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THE R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN,  
Lieut. G. A. Lee, R.N.R., Com-  
mander, sailing at Noon, on WEDNES-  
DAY, 28th December, with Her Majesty's  
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SHANGHAI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and  
YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.  
(In Mexican Dollars.)  
From Hongkong, First Class.

TO	One way	Propaid	Return
	12 Mos	12 Mos	12 Mos
Vancouver, Victoria, Et- quima, New West- minster, B.C.	225	338	394
Port Townsend, Wash.	255	368	424
Portland, Ore., San Fran- cisco.	275	418	474
San Francisco, Cal.	285	428	484
San Jose, Cal.	295	438	494
San Diego, Cal.	305	448	504
San Pedro de Macoris, P.R.	315	458	514
San Juan, P.R.	325	468	524
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Sancti Spiritus, P.R.	345	488	544
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Sancti Spiritus, P.R.	365	508	564
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Cincinnati, Ohio	325.00	331.50	338.00
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Detroit, Mich.	338.00	344.50	351.00
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Toronto, Canada	351.00	357.50	364.00
Pittsburg, Pa.	357.50	364.00	370.50
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